(*b*) whether it is a fact that a forest nursery was raised at the dilapidated drinking kalyani near Guddada Ranganatha Swamy Temple, Bukkapapatna Hobli, Sira Taluk and all the Forest Plants were used for afforestation in this Bukkapatna Forest ;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that there is still about 1,000 acres of land fit for afforestation near Tavarekere, Gollarahatti, Maranagere, Vijanakuntes, Guddad Ranganatha Swamy Temple area and Ranganali Lambani Thanda area in Sira Taluk ;

(*d*) if so, the steps taken by Government for the restoration of the said area ;

(*e*) whether Government has any proposal to construct Forest Guard Quarters at this drinking water Kalyani or at the said Temple area to watch and protect the Transplanted nureery plants ;

(*f*) whether the Government is aware that the Tumkur District Forest Officer had assured the Local Legislator the steps will be taken

(i) to repair the Kalyani ;

(ii) to install pumpset and

(iii) to construct forest guards quarters ?

SRI K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—

(*a*) 395 acres.

(*b*) Yes.

(c) Land in Question still under the Control of Revenue Authority.

Yes—but the area involved is Revenne Land.

(*d*) Revenue Department has been recently requested to transfer this area to Forest Department.

(*e*) This will be considered when the area is transferred to Forest Department.

(*f*) This will be taken up when the area is transferred to Forest Department for afforestation.

Construction of Bridge across the feeder halla to Bukkapatna

4 SRI T. TARE GOWDA (Kallambella).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the then Minister for Public Works had ordered to form a road for a distance of two miles from Madenahalli to Janakal, Bukkapatna Hobli, Sira Taluk ;

(b) whether the Government is aware that students (boys and girls) coming from Janakal to Madenahalli Middle School are unable to attend the School during rainy season due to a big feeder halla to Bukkapatna Major tank in Sira Taluk on this road ;

(c) whether the Government is aware that hardship is caused to the cattle, bullock carts and public of Janakal village on account of waist deep water flowing in this halla during rainy season to move about from their fields at Jankal and Madenahlli Village ;

(d) whether the Government is also aware of the difficulties of students attending Bukkapatna High School and of the Public who are required to come to Sirsi, Gubbi and Tumkur for their official and privata shandy business etc.

(e) if so, the steps taken to take up the construction of this road and for construction of a bridge across the halla ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) (i) An estimate for Rs. 56,000 has been prepared for the road work and the wark will be taken up during 1977-78 subject to availability of funds.

(ii) Construction of bridge across this halla is under itvestgation.

Famine condition in Tumkur District

5 SRI T. TARE GOWDA (Kallambella).—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government is aware that famine conditions are prevailing in Tumkur district and all the standing dry crops sown after the recent rains in Sira, Gubbi, and C. N. Halli taluks have been dried up ;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the Deputy Commissioner after his recent tour in the above three taluks had informed the legislature of Kallambella Constituency that the standing Jola crops have been dried up and the ryots will be put to great hardship ;